



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Mark Hutchison was sentenced November 24, 2009, by the Honorable Judge Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge in Omaha, Nebraska, to 120 months imprisonment, followed by five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Mr. Hutchison and co-defendant Arley Watson were obtaining pseudoephedrine pills from various stores for use in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Hutchison purchased approximately 50 boxes of pseudoephedrine while Watson purchased over 90 boxes of pseudoephedrine. This would produce over 100 grams of actual methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant: Mark Hutchison

AKA:

Age: 29

City of residence: Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Location of Arrest:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: more than 50 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Arley Watson, sentenced June 18, 2009, to 120 months imprisonment, followed by five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: September, 2007, through March, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 29, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: March 30, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): August 27, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 24, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Magistrate Judge Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on Bond June 22, 2009

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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